

**Speaker Biographies**  
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*(listed in alphabetical order by last name)*

**Danise Alano**

Ms. Alano is currently the Director of Economic Development for the City of Bloomington Mayor's Office of Economic Development. Ms. Alano joined the City economic development team in March 2005, having previously served as marketing director for Monroe Bank. She has served in the past as President of the Downtown Bloomington Inc. board.

Ms. Alano has a B.A. in Journalism from Indiana University and an Area Certificate in Environmental Studies from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

**Gerry Bakker**

Mr. Bakker is a Financial Analyst with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)'s Region 5 office in Chicago. He has been with the U.S. EPA for five years, during which he has worked with the management teams of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs in the six Region 5 states to enhance the financial and programmatic management of those programs. He has lead the efforts to develop a national benefits report that will capture and promote the public health achievements of the Drinking Water SRF program, and he serves on the U.S. EPA Region 5 Sustainable Infrastructure (SI) team (website: [www.epa.gov/region5/water/si/](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/si/)).

Mr. Bakker holds a B.S. in Commerce and a M.B.A. from DePaul University, a M.A. in Liberal Studies from Northwestern University and a M.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies from Northeastern Illinois University.

**Wendy Barrott**

Ms. Barrott has had 25 years of experience with a wide range of environmental issues. She has worked in automotive manufacturing and facilities management as well as government sectors focused on air quality management, policy and public transportation.

Ms. Barrott is currently employed by the City of Fort Wayne where she is the Director of Energy and Environmental Services. In her position, she leads efforts to implement energy efficiency and sustainable practices within City operations and services, works to develop better local and State policies and oversees the operation of the City's solid waste pickup and biosolids production departments.

Ms. Barrott is an Indiana native and holds a B.S. and M.A. in Environmental Engineering from Purdue University.

### **Christopher Choi**

Mr. Choi is a research associate at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA)'s Region 5 Land Revitalization group in the Brownfields section. Mr. Choi primarily works on promoting green building and sustainability issues within Region 5.

Mr. Choi holds a Masters of Urban Planning from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an M.B.A. from Indiana University Bloomington and a B.A. in Economics from Columbia University.

### **Michael R. Cline**

Mr. Cline is the Vice President of Hannum, Wagle and Cline Engineering – a 55-person consulting engineering firm with four offices located in Indiana. Mr. Cline is very active in the field of sustainable infrastructure design and heads the Indiana ACEC Sustainable Design IDEM Sub-Committee. He is also on the committee that developed the guidelines for the new Green Cities awards program for IACT (along with Bill Goffinet) and is the chairperson of the National ACEC Environmental and Energy Committee for 2008/2009.

Mr. Cline is a professional engineer and a Diplomate of Environmental Engineering. He is a graduate from Ohio State University (BSCE 1976) and has been practicing Engineering in Indiana since 1976.

### **David Forsell**

Mr. Forsell is President of Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc., a private, non-profit organization that unifies people to beautify the city and improve its environment, fostering community pride.

In his role, Mr. Forsell oversees a staff of 35 full-time, part-time and seasonal staff that manage programs focusing on community forestry, green spaces, litter abatement, youth and volunteer programs, and leadership and community development in neighborhoods. In 2007, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc. coordinated more than 400 community improvement projects with the help of more than 28,000 volunteers.

Recently, Keep Indianapolis Beautiful managed Eli Lilly and Company's local day of service, engaging more than 8,000 employees in community improvement projects. In June, 2008, KIB moves into its new headquarters, which will be recognized by the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification program.

David currently serves as a board member for the Lacy Leadership Association; as a steering committee member of The Great Indy Neighborhoods Initiative; and is serving by mayoral appointment on the Indianapolis/Marion County Tree Board. David also has been a producer for a public television series hosted by Indiana's former first lady, Judy O'Bannon, called "Communities Building Community."

He is a graduate of Class XXIX of the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series, and has a B.A. in Communication from DePauw University. Mr. Forsell has taken masters coursework at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

### **Bill Goffinet**

Mr. Goffinet is currently serving as the Environmental Circuit Rider/Southern Ambassador for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). He has more than 30 years of local government experience serving as Clerk-Treasurer of Tell City for four years and as Mayor for 16 years. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Tell City's Electric Department, The Perry County Development Board, and is currently the Vice Chairman of the Perry County Port Authority.

During his years as Mayor he made five trips to Japan to bring new industry to his City. Mr. Goffinet was appointed to serve on the Environmental Service Council for eight years, served on the Indiana Brownfield Remediation Advisory Council and the Brownfields Petroleum Grant Incentive Program. He was an active member of IACT, serving as President of the Association and was Chairman of most of the Association's committees.

He has spoken at the Indiana Recycling Coalition Conference and the National Recycling Coalition Conference along with many other events around the State.

### **Meredith M. Gramelspacher**

Ms. Gramelspacher is the Assistant Director and General Counsel for the Indiana Finance Authority's Indiana Brownfields Program. She handles all legal issues related to implementation of the Brownfields Program including financial assistance agreements, recommendations on liability determinations, and compliance with federal and state environmental laws and regulations. Ms. Gramelspacher spends much of her time addressing liability issues related to the State's various remediation statutes, specifically evaluating whether the State can provide property owners and prospective purchasers with "comfort" with respect to potential liability for environmental contamination in order to facilitate redevelopment of environmentally impaired properties.

Prior to becoming General Counsel for the Indiana Brownfields Program in December 2005, Ms. Gramelspacher worked in the Office of Legal Counsel at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) where she represented IDEM's

Office of Land Quality remediation programs including the Voluntary Remediation Program, State Cleanup and Superfund. Prior to joining IDEM in 2001, Ms. Gramelspacher worked at Headquarters for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, on various matters pertaining to Superfund liability and implementation of the Superfund cleanup program.

Ms. Gramelspacher is a cum laude graduate of Middlebury College (B.A. 1993, International Politics & Economics) and American University Washington College of Law (J.D. 1997).

### **Steven P. Gress, P.E.**

Mr. Gress, P.E., is a Senior Project Manager with Donahue & Associates, Inc. and has been in the field of environmental engineering for 32 years. He is an active member of WEF, IWEA, AWWA and ACEC. He is a licensed professional engineer in Indiana and Ohio.

Mr. Gress holds a B.S.C.E from Purdue University and a M.B.A. from Indiana University.

### **Dan Haddock**

Mr. Haddock is currently Manager of Engineering at Indiana American Water, leading a team responsible for comprehensive water utility planning and the delivery of infrastructure projects for water supply, treatment and distribution in communities across the State of Indiana. Planning activities include water demand forecasting, evaluation of water supply and treatment alternatives, and prioritization of utility infrastructure projects.

Mr. Haddock's career in water began in 1991 as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras. There he worked with rural mountain villages to help them organize, plan and construct water systems, and to develop the capacity of their own local water boards to operate, maintain and manage their systems.

From 1999 to 2002, Mr. Haddock returned to Honduras with his family to manage the American Red Cross' water and sanitation reconstruction program in the aftermath of hurricane Mitch, which devastated parts of Central America in late 1998. The program addressed the construction of sustainable water and wastewater infrastructure and the formation and training of utility boards.

Throughout his career, Mr. Haddock has been exposed to many aspects of sustainability efforts including financial, environmental, organizational capacity, and appropriate technology.

### **Monica Hartke-Tarr**

Ms. Hartke-Tarr currently works in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)'s Office of Pollution and Technical Assistance, serving as Branch Chief of the Source Reduction and Recycling Program. She is responsible for the management and oversight of four multi-million dollar funding programs: the Recycling Market Development Program, Recycling and Organics, Household Hazardous Waste, and Waste Tires. She serves as IDEM's administrative coordinator to the Recycling Market Development Board and is a co-chair of the state's Greening Government Taskforce.

Ms. Hartke-Tarr began her career at IDEM in 1989, where her responsibilities included evaluating potential hazardous waste sites for remediation through the Superfund Program, managing the National Environmental Performance Partnership System, and serving as the Office of Land Quality's planning and policy coordinator/liaison.

Ms. Hartke-Tarr holds a B.S. in Biology from Indiana University and an M.S. in Ecology from the University of Oregon.

### **Kyle Hendrix**

Kyle Hendrix is a Project Manager for the Indiana Finance Authority's Indiana Brownfields Program. He has worked in the environmental field for 17 years and helped to establish the Indiana Brownfields Program in 1997. Mr. Hendrix was the Indianapolis Brownfields Coordinator from January 2001 until January 2004, where he helped establish the Indianapolis Grant & Loan Program.

Mr. Hendrix is the chairperson for the Indy Food Co-Op Steering committee – a group of local citizens dedicated to the establishment of a downtown/near-eastside food co-operative. He is an at-large member of the King Park Area Development Corporation and co-chairs the Economic Development/Housing/Infrastructure sub-committee. Mr. Hendrix is also on the Advisory Committee for the Indianapolis Fostering Community Urban Strategies (FOCUS) – an innovative partnership between the Indianapolis Local Initiative Support Corporation, the Central Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Indianapolis Coalition for Neighborhood Development and the City of Indianapolis – with a mission to jumpstart commercial development in urban neighborhoods of Indianapolis and create dynamic models for community-supported revitalization.

Mr. Hendrix holds a B.S. in Agriculture from Purdue University with a major in Agricultural Economics. He has also pursued graduate studies in globalization and sustainable development.

## **Cecelia Johnson-Powell**

Ms. Johnson-Powell is the Community Development Manager with the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). She manages a staff of 18 and is responsible for developing, allocating and managing funds for programs for affordable housing, energy assistance, home-ownership repair and improvement, weatherization and self-sufficiency.

Ms. Johnson-Powell has 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, including serving as an intermediary grant-maker and planner. She has expertise in organizational development, nonprofit management, capacity building strategies for nonprofits, early education and youth development initiatives and program and project evaluation.

Ms. Johnson-Powell has taught grant writing courses at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis's Division of Continuing Studies and has served on national and state advisory panels and councils. She has also worked with public and private funding sources to provide technical assistance to grantees and regularly advises in program and resource development, and performance management for a variety of local, State and national organizations.

Prior to working with the IHCDA, she was Deputy Director of the Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. She has a B.S. in Public Affairs from Indiana University and has completed graduate coursework in philanthropy, children and youth issues and education policy.

## **Donald B. Larson**

Mr. Larson is Vice President and Environmental Compliance Manager with Commonwealth Engineers, Inc. He assists clients with regulatory-driven technical issues such as Phase II Stormwater, NPDES, industrial pretreatment, solid waste, land application, water supply and construction permitting assistance and facility planning among other issues.

Mr. Larson's years of service with U.S. EPA Region V, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the private sector along with his first-hand knowledge of environmental project implementation, make him ideally suited to handle the wide range of regulatory issues that arise during the planning, permitting, design and construction of environmental projects.

Mr. Larson has completed coursework towards a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Purdue University, and holds a B.A. in Biology from Hanover College. He also holds Operators Licenses in municipal and industrial treatment.

## **Luke J. Leising (AIA, EI, LEED AP)**

Mr. Leising is the Sustainability Director for American Structurepoint, Inc. and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). Mr. Leising's passion lies in integrating architecture and engineering to develop unique, sustainable projects. He strives to use his expertise in both fields to ensure his projects are sustainable and cost effective.

Mr. Leising has been part of the sustainable movement since 2003 in both Georgia and Colorado. He now works in Indianapolis and sits on the Indiana USGBC board. Experienced in numerous projects types, he focuses on improving occupant health through quality design and especially enjoys working on wellness, athletic, recreation, inpatient, outpatient and office facilities.

Working in the field for over 13 years, Luke has been a construction project manager with the U.S. Army supervising a hundred employees and millions of dollars of equipment. He has been an architect manager at both A/E firms and integrated Design/Build firms.

Mr. Leising has volunteered on numerous non-profit boards, public speaking events and has taught courses on LEED and Green design. For the past three years, he has worked to organize the highly successful *Indiana Building Green Symposium*, an annual event that educates over 300 professionals on sustainable design topics.

A licensed architect in Indiana and Colorado, Luke graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Master of Architecture from the Savannah College of Art and Design. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Purdue University and has recently sat for his P.E. license in Indiana.

## **Julie L. Rhodes**

Ms. Rhodes is an independent consultant specializing in solid waste, reuse, recycling and environmental stewardship. Currently, she is working on water quality education for the City of Indianapolis, and is the part-time Executive Director for the MidAmerica Council of Recycling Officials. She most recently led the Indiana Recycling Coalition's e.Scrap Program – a statewide effort to develop an infrastructure, network and strategy for managing electronics. She also works with a broad spectrum of clients on research, project development, public education and fundraising.

Prior to becoming self-employed, Ms. Rhodes was the Executive Director for the Reuse Development Organization, a national non-profit promoting reuse, for five years. There she led every aspect of development, membership, fundraising, financial management, and project management for the organization. Representing the reuse sector, Ms. Rhodes served on the National Electronic Product Stewardship Initiative workgroup for three years.

Ms. Rhodes also worked for four years heading the Indiana Department of Commerce's Recycling Market Development Program, which provided financial and technical assistance to Indiana businesses and communities to develop markets for the recyclable materials being generated in the state. Areas of specialty included scrap tires and foundry sand.

In addition, Ms. Rhodes worked for the City of Indianapolis for over two years, serving as a liaison between the Mayors office and the directors of the Department of Public and Transportation, and the media, city-county council and residents. She worked primarily on solid waste, wastewater and stormwater issues.

Ms. Rhodes is a member of the National Recycling Coalition and the Indiana Recycling Coalition, chairing many committees over the years.

She was Governor Bayh's and O'Bannon's appointee to the Council of Great Lakes Governors Recycle Board, chairing the Foundry Sand committee, and chaired the MidAmerica Council of Recycling Officials, a 14-state regional consortium. She was also Governor O'Bannon's appointee to chair the legislatively mandated Recyclable Material Transportation Task Force.

#### **Gary Ruston, P.E.**

Mr. Ruston, P.E., specializes in the planning and design of wastewater treatment and collection facilities. Mr. Ruston has been involved in the study, design, bidding, and construction phases of sanitary collection systems and treatment plants throughout the state of Indiana for more than 17 years. His experience includes wastewater treatment plant projects ranging in size from 0.25 to 60 MGD. He is presently managing the construction phase of an \$8,300,000 digester renovation and co-generation project at the City of West Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Plant.

#### **Mark Sneve, P.E.**

Mr. Sneve, P.E., has worked for Strand Associates for 19 years, where he currently manages wastewater projects and staff in several Strand offices. Mr. Sneve is a licensed engineer in six states. He has presented more than 20 papers at local and national wastewater conferences and has always been an advocate of sustainability concepts in wastewater treatment plant design. Mr. Sneve is currently the Assistant Project Manager for the Columbus City Utilities' new wastewater treatment plant design project.

#### **Dave Speth**

Mr. Speth is a Vice President with Donohue & Associates, Inc., a consulting engineering firm with an office in Indianapolis. Mr. Speth specializes in the application of process



control systems for water and wastewater treatment facilities. Mr. Speth holds a B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Wisconsin and is a registered Professional Engineer.

### **Jim Van der Kloot**

Mr. Van der Kloot is the Land Revitalization Coordinator for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5. He has promoted the use of sustainable development practices at brownfields and other cleanup sites. Working with a broad range of partners, he has been creating a link between development techniques and long-term environmental protection.

Mr. Van der Kloot has a long history on brownfields issues, dating back to 1993-1996 when he managed the Chicago Brownfields Initiative, which was the nation's first brownfields program. After that, he was the Brownfields Coordinator for U.S. EPA Region 5, covering six states. He is also the co-chair of the Chicago Wilderness Sustainability Team.

He holds B.S. Degrees in Biochemistry and Geology from Michigan State University, and periodically teaches as an adjunct in the Urban Planning program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

### **Adam Wason**

Mr. Wason is the Assistant Economic Development Director for Small Business and Sustainable Development for the City of Bloomington Mayor's Office of Economic Development. His duties include small business advocacy and outreach, Certified Tech Park promotion and coordination, and leading the City's "Team Green" to implement initiatives of the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Mr. Wason previously served as the City Utilities Department's Public Affairs Specialist. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs and Masters Certificates in Public Management and Nonprofit Management from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

### **Wayne Zink**

Mr. Zink is CEO of Endangered Species Chocolate (ESC), producer of one of the nation's top selling brands of chocolate in natural supermarkets. With Mr. Zink's leadership, ESC has increased sales three-fold and is producing chocolate more efficiently than ever, while participating in a 10% Give Back program. Ranked number one (units sold; SPINS) in the natural organic category throughout 2006 and 2007, Endangered Species Chocolate is also leading the way in conventional markets by being one of the first organic chocolate bars on the shelf in Target stores. Representatives from

ESC are currently visiting cacao farmers and participating in a medical mission in Ivory Coast and Nigeria, further demonstrating Mr. Zink's commitment to ethical trade, sustainability and supporting species, habitat and humanity.

An active community member and noted Indianapolis philanthropist, Mr. Zink is on the board of directors of The Nature Conservancy; on the board of governors of the Indianapolis Museum of Art; a member of the GreenPrint Natural Resource Stewardship Committee in Indianapolis; the former chairman of the board of Dance Kaleidoscope; and a past president and board member of Jameson Camp.